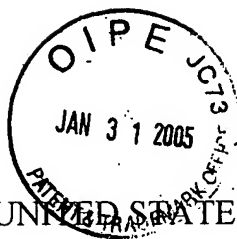


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Sir :

In response to the Official Action dated November 29, 2004, in which a two-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 31, 2005 (January 29, 2005 being a Saturday), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.